A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 20:7-10

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<u>8</u> And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

<u>9</u> And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

<u>10</u> And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Scriptural Introduction

<u>Rev. 1:19</u> Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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(b) Satan's Dynamic Appeal to Mankind, 20:8

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Jer. 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Liberal arguments for the betterment of mankind are soundly defeated in <u>Rev. 20:8</u>:

1. Better environment: prosperity, but no pollution, no plastics, no poverty, no problems, etc.

2. Better government: prosperity, all/no government, no guns, no jails, etc.

3. Better relationships with everyone \rightarrow peace, health, no wars, etc.

The millennium will have the best environment, government, relationships...the BEST of EVERYTHING, but the Adamic nature of man will be coerced by the Adversary.

The group of people that will be deceived: People born during the Millennium;

<u>Isa 65:20</u> There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for **the child shall die an hundred years old**; but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed.

Zech. 8:4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. 5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

<u>Ezek. 38:3</u> And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: <u>4</u> And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts *of armour, even* a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

<u>6</u> Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: *and* many people with thee.

<u>Ezek. 39:1</u> Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against **Gog**, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, **O Gog**, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: <u>2</u> And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

> (c) Satan's Daring Approach to Jerusalem, 20:9a "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city..."

Jer. 3:17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

Isa. 24:23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

<u>Ezek. 43:7</u> And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, *neither* they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcases of their kings in their high places.

<u>Mic. 4:7</u> And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

Zech. 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

<u>10</u> All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and *from* the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. <u>11</u> And *men* shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

(3) The Militant Punishment of the Last Rebellion, 20:9b-10

<u>Rev. 20:9</u> "...and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. <u>10</u> And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." <u>2 Pet. 3:7</u> But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

<u>8</u> But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <u>9</u> The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance**.

<u>10</u> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

<u>11</u> Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

<u>12</u> Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

<u>13</u> Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Isa. 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Conclusion

Mt. 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: <u>20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven</u>, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: <u>21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also</u>.